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SUBJ: EXCHANGES - 1974-75 ROMANIAN LECTURER PROGRAM

1. IN MEETING AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 10 ATTENDED BY EMBOFFS, PROFESSOR JAMES AUGEROT OF UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, AND PROFESSOR PAUL VEHVILAINEN OF PORTLAND STATE, EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT ROMANIAN NOMINEE ARITON VRACIU, APPOINTED AT SEATTLE FOR 1974-75 ACADEMIC YEAR, WOULD NOT--REPEAT NOT-- PARTICIPATE. THE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERED NO EXPLANATION FOR HIS ABRUPT WITHDRAWAL.

2. IN VRACIU'S PLACE, THE MINISTRY SUGGESTS FORMER FULBRIGHT LECTURER CICERONE POGHIRC FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE 1974-75 ACADEMIC YEAR. AUGEROT HAS TALKED TO POGHIRC AND HE CONCURS WITH MINISTRY SUGGESTION. (EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE THAT POGHIRC SPENT ONE ACADEMIC YEAR AT INDIANA DURING 1972-73 AND ONE SEMESTER AT BERKELEY IN 1974. HE WOULD, THUS, HAVE ONE SEMESTER OF ELIGIBILITY REMAINING.) MINISTRY IS PREPARED TO BEGIN PROCESSING OF POGHIRC IMMEDIATELY WITH OCTOBER 1 ARRIVAL IN VIEW. AUGEROT INDICATES THAT HE COULD FILL-IN FOR POGHIRC IN TEACHING ROMANIAN AT WASHINGTON FOR ONE-TWO WEEKS IF NECESSARY. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND CIES ADVISE SUITABILITY THIS ARRANGEMENT SOONEST.

3. MINISTRY HAS SUBMITTED ADDITIONAL NOMINATION OF VIRGIL PETRE NEMOIANU, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST, FOR ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE POSITION DURING 1974-75 ACADEMIC YEAR. NEMOIANU, WHOSE APPLICATION IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER COVER AIRGRAM, SEEMS EXCELLENT CANDIDATE HAVING RECEIVED PHD FROM UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY IN 1971.

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HE IS ABLE TO TEACH ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

AND IS AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY.

4. VEHVILAINEN SUGGESTS THAT NEMOIANU WOULD BE EXCELLENT CANDIDATE TO REVIVE ROMANIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT PORTLAND STATE AND REQUESTS THAT CIES CHECK THIS POSSIBILITY (FYI-PORTLAND SEEMS INTERESTED IN HAVING THEIR ROMANIAN TEACH ITALIAN. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE ACCEPTABLE AS A SUPPLEMENT TO ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE COURSES BUT WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE AS PRIMARY FOCUS. NEMOIANU CAN TEACH ITALIAN IF NECESSARY. END FYI) EMBASSY HAS TOLD MINISTRY THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT NEMOIANU CAN BE PLACED PRIOR BEGINNING NEXT SEMESTER.
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